

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167

Substance Abuse Policy

Do the right thing, always. My policy – ZERO TOLERANCE. This policy is not new to anyone earning the title “United States Marine.” It has long been the policy of our Corps and I shall enforce this policy swiftly on any Warrior testing positive for illegal drug use.

Substance abuse is not limited to the use of illegal drugs. Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, and alcohol abuse can be just as dangerous when used in ways not consistent with their intended purpose. The effects of various drugs and alcohol impair a person’s capacity to think clearly, assess risk appropriately and act responsibly. Poor decision making and irresponsible behavior in our profession of fixing and flying helicopters or supporting those Warriors that do have unnecessarily killed others over the years.


To be blunt - any Warrior determined to be abusing will be charged under the UCMJ.
To be clear - there will be no leniency.



Those that abuse drugs rarely do so alone. In many cases, peers know of the abuse and choose to do nothing. Consider this analogy: there are two types of people – those that watch the burning house wondering if someone is inside and those that rush into the burning house to save others. Which person will you be when you discover a fellow Warrior is abusing? Moral courage and intestinal fortitude to identify those abusing will be a test each of you must prepare for. Pass this test by getting help for the individual, thereby preventing potential negative results of your inaction. Also, the legal drinking age is 21 years old. Knowingly selling or providing alcohol to anyone under the age of 21 is illegal. Be prepared to accept the consequences if you choose to commit this offense.

Those classified as having an alcohol incident will be referred to the Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO), screened, counseled, and sent to the Consolidated Substance Abuse Counseling Center (CSA/CC) for a Medical Officer’s evaluation. Further action will be determined by governing directives related to treatment and potential for return to duty.

Every Warrior is essential to this command and critical to our mission success. Degrading our readiness and combat effectiveness due to unprofessional behavior of abusing drugs or alcohol is not acceptable.


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